



**Johnsville Public Utility District
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Saturday August 6, 2022

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: Saint John's Church

5578 Arastra Street

Website Johnsville Pud.org

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:30. The Chair, David Piepho, and Directors John LaTourrette and Don Fregulia were all present. The manager was also in attendance.
2. The agenda and minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Director LaTourrette to adopt the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Fregulia and passed unanimously with the following vote:
 - Ayes: 3
 - Noes: 0
 - Absent: 0
3. Public comment included and overall gratefulness for being able to meet in person.
4. Reports.
 - 4.1 Director LaTourrette reported on current progress on Tank Replacement and Liquid Chlorination Project. The final application for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is now in their legal department. Final authorization should take two weeks approximately.

We received a grant from DWR for \$1,466,200.00 for the water tank project and have a loan commitment from the United States Department of Agriculture for \$833,200.00. (\$483.00 loan at 1.5% interest and \$350,00.00 grant). Our engineer plans to put the project out to bid this coming September. The project should commence in May, 2023. It is recommended that the Board meets with both the representatives from DWR and USDA for clarity and coordination.

If the project is co-funded by both organizations, there will be an increased legal cost to the Johnsville Public Utility District (JPUD) but we will recapture more funds.

We will add a telemetry meter to the project budget that will read the water level in the tank and the cost will be added to the proposal.

An extension for USDA loan was requested on 7/15/22 and should take us to the completion of the project.

The cost of the project has increased \$270,000.00 from original estimate.

The town water supply will be disrupted during construction. Alternate water sources will be investigated. Other possible disruptions to our water supply could be caused by plant or spring failure or issues with town waterlines. We are

required to keep our water tanks above ten feet and in order to meet this requirement and our water plant runs more frequently incurring more costs and use of equipment.

Chair Piepho added that the contractor we hire will have a contingency plan for water needs. It is also important to communicate with the homeowners during the project and make all attempts to impact the community as little as possible during construction.

4.2 No Engineer reports.

4.3 No report from State Park

4.4 Manager reported information for our water billing has been submitted to county but we haven't heard back yet.

4.5 Director Reports

Director Fregulia and Director LaTourrette had no reports.

The Chair, David Piepho, reported on the amounts of water lost to leaks in town. Our engineer estimated we lose 7,200 gallons a day at the tank leak and due to our upcoming replacement project, fixing the leaks at the tanks is not cost effective. We are also losing water to various leaks in town and he stressed the importance of improved leak monitoring.

We need to complete an undated town email list for notifications to the homeowners.

Outside timers are recommended on all hoses used for irrigation to avoid overwatering. An Ordinance will be developed in a future meeting in order to reduce our water usage. The Chair suggested a 20-minute limit to each watering station and to water early morning or evenings so water is not excessively lost to evaporation.

The Chair also requested we draw up a letter for the homeowner's concerning lots not currently billed by the district and to bill them for a stand-by charge. Homeowners may request exemption and the board will review requests and can grant release of the charge.

These items will be added to our next meeting's agenda including clarification of full charge to dwelling and when that charge can apply to a garage. Also, a clear definition of garage and dwelling in light of water charges will be developed.

Director LaTourrette suggested we look at the Calpine water website, especially the Cross Connection Ordinance.

Director LaTourrette requested the board authorize our engineer, Dan Bastian, to do the additional work needed to comply with USDA and Department of Water Resources (DWR) in a co-funded project. The board concurred unanimously.

5. Action items

5.1 Water hook-ups will be approved by the district and Will Serve information can be found on the website JohnsvillePud.org.

5.2 We will mail a request for updated emails or cell phone numbers to homeowner's this winter.

5.3 Next meeting October 15, 2022 at 12:30pm at Saint John's Church.

5.4 Meeting adjourned at 1:51pm.

Submitted by Melissa Sheets, manager JPUD